

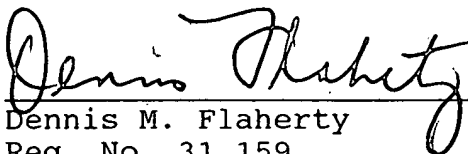
34 of Group I. The traversal is based on the failure of the action to set forth a valid basis for the assertion that the methods and the ink receiving media are distinct. The Examiner's stated reason, quoted above, is incomplete, if not inaccurate. For instance, claim 15 recites an ink receiving medium comprising a microporous polymeric film and a microparticle coating applied on one side of the film. Thus claim 15 clearly recites a laminated structure and, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, that laminated structure cannot "be made by first blending the polymers in a blender prior to extruding them".

Since the basis for the restriction requirement is an inaccurate statement, the Applicants submit that no valid basis for restriction has been articulated. Reconsideration and withdrawal (or, at a minimum, clarification) of the restriction requirement are hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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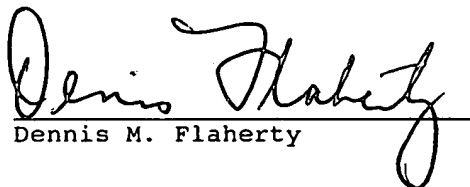
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